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1. The Soviet-Hungarian Steamship (Szov-Mag-Gözhajó) Company has four ships of shallow draft which ply regularly between Budapest and Egyptian ports; their route from the mouth of the Danube is as follows: Constantza, Constantinople, Saloniki, Piraeus, Kalamata, Candia, Alexandria, Port Said, Tel Aviv, Haifa, Beirut, Smyrna, Constantinople, Constantza. Description of the ships:

- a. DEBRECEN, built in 1939; 1,002 tons gross, 554 tons net; length 243 feet, breadth 32 feet.
- b. TISZA, built in 1937; 961 tons gross, 512 tons net; length 230 feet, breadth 33 feet.
- c. BUDAPEST, built in 1934; 475 tons gross, 261 tons net; length 177 feet, breadth 22 feet.
- d. SZEGED, built in 1936, 594 tons gross, 302 tons net.

The director of the company is named Grigori Kaplun.

2. Ships are loaded and unloaded in the port of Budapest at the northern tip of Csérel Island. Here also goods are transshipped which are to be carried further inland by smaller vessels. New harbor facilities are under construction adjacent to the Ganz shipyard, and near to the existing ship-repair works of the Steamship Company.
3. Condition of bridges over the Danube:
- a. At Budapest there are four drawbridges. The lowest of these is 8 - 13 meters above the river (depending on the water level). All four bridges are operated by electricity: they divide into two parts, each of which is raised up.
 - b. At Dunaföldvár the bridge was blown up during the war, and no steps have yet been taken to construct a new one.
 - c. At Baja there is a pontoon bridge to replace the old bridge which was blown up. The pontoon bridge is opened only in the afternoon and at night to allow river traffic to pass.

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